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ABSTRACT

This report identifies the entering undergraduate classes from 1963 through 1968 at the University of Virginia in relation to the number who graduated within 5 years or less and those who withdrew for specific reasons. Data are included for the College of Arts and Sciences, Engineering, and Architecture. (MJM)

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Last year the Office of Institutional Analysis published a study on the entering undergraduate classes from 1963 through 1967 of the College of Arts and Sciences, School of Architecture, and School of Engineering and Applied Science. Now a similar study has been added for the class that entered in the fall of 1968. Table 1 contains the findings for five entering classes in the College of Arts and Sciences. Table 2 contains similar data for the entering classes of 1964, 1965, 1966, 1967, and 1968 in the School of Engineering and Applied Science while Table 3 contains data for the entering classes of the identical years in the School of Architecture. Table 4 contains the data for all three schools combined.

Several points should be kept in mind when interpreting the data from Tables 1, 2, and 3: (1) the number of students entering a particular school does not include transfers from other institutions, or from other schools within the University of Virginia, and (2) the location of the entering students in one of the 14 mutually exclusive categories is not necessarily an indication that the entrant remained within that particular school until final determination of his category. For example, a student may have entered the School of Engineering and Applied Science in 1966, but graduated from the College of Arts and Sciences in June of 1970. Such a student is indicated in Table 2, for the School of Engineering and Applied Science, as a graduate in four years.

Transfers from school to school within the university do not influence the data in Table 4. Here, each entrant is classified without regard to school within the University.

A summary of the findings presented in Table 1 for the College of Arts and Sciences follows:

1. There were 847 students who entered the College of Arts and Sciences in 1964. In 1965 there were 912 entering students; in 1966 there were 914; in 1967 there were 964; and in 1968 there were 1066.

2. From the class entering the College of Arts and Sciences in 1964 there were 64.7 per cent who graduated from the University of Virginia in five years and one summer. We do not know how many of the remaining 35.3 per cent graduated from some other college or university by transfer. Also, a few of these students may have been readmitted to the University after five years and completed requirements for graduation. From the entering class of 1965, there were 73.4 per cent who graduated from the University of Virginia in five years and one summer. Comparable per cents were 74.0 for the entering class of 1966, 76.9 per cent for the entering class of 1967, and 75.2 per cent for the entering class of 1968.

3. There were 1.3 per cent of the class entering the College of Arts and Sciences in 1964 who enrolled at the University of Virginia for a fifth year of study, but did not receive a degree at the end of this time; a large number of readmitted students make up this group. The comparable per cent for the class entering the College of Arts and Sciences in 1965 was 0.1; for the 1966 class it was 3.4 per cent; for the 1967 class entering the College of Arts and Sciences the per cent was 2.5; and for the 1968 class it was 3.4 per cent.

4. The per cent who withdrew from the University of Virginia in good standing increased from 6.1 per cent of the class of 1964

to 7.9 per cent of the class of 1965. Then for the entering class of 1966 this per cent decreased slightly to 7.2. The per cent of such withdrawals increased again to 8.8 in 1967, and remained at 8.8 per cent for the entering class of 1968.

5. Voluntary withdrawal from the University of Virginia, with academic problems indicated, accounted for 8.1 per cent of the students who entered the College of Arts and Sciences in 1964. This per cent has continually decreased since 1964; it decreased to 5.8 in 1965, to 3.7 in 1966, to 3.6 in 1967, and decreased to 2.9 per cent in 1968. Placing students who decided to withdraw on their own choice in the two categories "in good standing" or "academic problems indicated" had to be done as a matter of judgment upon interpretation of each student's record. This classification may not be entirely consistent from year to year as different research assistants worked through the records. The records were very clear in distinguishing among voluntary withdrawal (for any reason), enforced withdrawal, and withdrawal for medical reasons. The two categories of voluntary withdrawal may be combined with somewhat greater confidence in the data. When this is done there is still a decrease in the per cent of voluntary withdrawal (for any reason) from the entering class of 1964 (8.1 + 8.1 = 14.2) to the comparable per cent for the entering class of 1965 (7.9 + 5.8 = 13.7), and a further decrease for the entering class of 1966 (7.2 + 3.7 = 10.9). From 1966 to 1967, the per cent increased (8.8 + 3.6 = 12.4), and decreased again slightly in 1968 (8.8 + 2.9 = 11.7).

6. From the class entering the College of Arts and Sciences in 1964 there were 14.3 per cent who were required to withdraw for academic deficiency. Academic withdrawals decreased, though, for the entering class of 1965 to 9.5 per cent, decreased again to 8.8 per cent for the entering class of 1966, and again to 6.4 for the entering class of 1967. In 1968, 7.3 per cent were required to withdraw for academic deficiency. The per cents in the remaining categories of Table 1 are quite small. There has been little fluctuation in the per cents for the five years. The majority of these percentages have remained less than one per cent.

Table 2 contains data for the entering classes of 1964, 1965, 1966, 1967, and 1968 in the School of Engineering and Applied Science. The following observations apply to the data in this table:

1. From the class entering the School of Engineering and Applied Science in 1964 there were 55.1 per cent who graduated in five years and one summer. This increased to 60.1 per cent in 1965, to 61.0 in 1966, to 64.3 in 1967, and again to 65.2 in 1968.
2. From the 1964 entering class 13.8 per cent withdrew voluntarily but with academic problems indicated, while 22.0 per cent were forced to withdraw for academic deficiency. Comparable per cents were 8.5 and 22.2 for 1965, 11.4 and 17.1 for 1966, 5.9 and 15.3 for 1967, and 7.8 and 13.2 for 1968, respectively.

Table 3 contains data for the entering classes of 1964, 1965, 1966, 1967, and 1968 in the School of Architecture. The following observations apply to the data in this table:

1. From the class entering the School of Architecture in 1964 there were 49.3 per cent who graduated in five years and one

summer. This per cent increased to 65.0 for the entering class of 1965. There was a sharp decrease in 1966 to 40.4 per cent. However, for the 1967 entering class the per cent increased once more to 67.3 and increased again for the 1968 class to 70.3.

2. The entering class of 1966 was the group from which the highest per cent (26.3) withdrew voluntarily in good standing or with academic problems indicated. The entering class of 1967 had the lowest per cent (3.3) of forced withdrawals.

Table 4 contains data for the entering classes of 1964, 1965, 1966, 1967, and 1968 in the College of Arts and Sciences, School of Architecture, and School of Engineering and Applied Science combined. The following observations apply to the data in this table for the three schools combined:

1. There was a decrease in per cent of the entering classes who graduated from the University of Virginia in less than four years from 1964 to 1965 (0.2 in 1964, and 0.0 in 1965). A minimal increase took place in 1966 (0.0 to 0.3), with a sharp increase then occurring in 1967 (1.0). In 1968, 0.5 per cent graduated in less than four years.
2. There was an increase from 1964 to 1965 of the per cent of the entering classes graduating from the University of Virginia in four years (43.4 in 1964, 53.3 in 1965). There was a slight decline in 1966 (52.4), followed by an increase once more to 54.6 in 1967, and another increase to 57.4 in 1968.
3. The percentages of the entering classes who graduated from the University in four years and one summer remained relatively constant, ranging from 3.7 to 4.0, until 1968, when it declined to 2.9.
4. From 1964 to 1965 there was a decrease in the per cent of

entrants who enrolled in the University of Virginia for their fifth year but did not obtain a degree (2.4 in 1964, and 0.7 in 1965). An increase (4.2) was noted in 1966, followed by a decrease once more in 1967 (2.8), and a slight increase in 1968 (3.5).

5. No consistent pattern can be noted in the percentages reflecting the number of students who withdrew from the University in good standing between 1964 and 1968.
6. There was a steady decrease from 1964 to 1968 in the per cent of the entering classes who withdrew voluntarily from the University where academic problems were indicated (9.5 in 1964, 6.3 in 1965, 5.9 in 1966, 4.2 in 1967, and 4.0 in 1968).
7. There was a steady decrease from 1964 to 1967 in the per cent of entrants who withdrew from the University under enforced or academic suspension, or for academic deficiency (16.3 in 1964, 12.5 per cent in 1965, 10.8 per cent in 1966, and 8.3 per cent in 1967). There was a slight increase, however, in 1968, to 8.5.
8. Considering the total per cent of the entering classes who withdrew from the University for any reason, there was a steady decrease from 1964 to 1967 (33.2 in 1964, 27.9 in 1965, 24.7 in 1966, and 22.3 in 1967). The percentage remained constant in 1968 (22.3).

TABLE 1: STUDENTS ENTERING THE COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES IN SEPTEMBER 1964, SEPTEMBER 1965, SEPTEMBER 1966, SEPTEMBER 1967, AND SEPTEMBER 1968 - FIVE YEARS LATER

	NUMBER OF ENTERING STUDENTS					PER CENT				
	1964	1965	1966	1967	1968	1964	1965	1966	1967	1968
GRADUATED IN LESS THAN FOUR YEARS	3	1	4	13	7	0.4%	0.1%	0.4%	1.4%	0.6%
GRADUATED IN FOUR YEARS	451	583	570	605	673	53.2	63.9	62.4	62.8	63.1
GRADUATED IN FOUR YEARS AND ONE SUMMER	43	39	40	40	35	5.1	4.2	4.4	4.2	3.3
GRADUATED IN FIVE YEARS	41	42	55	73	72	4.8	4.6	6.0	7.6	6.8
GRADUATED IN FIVE YEARS AND ONE SUMMER	10	6	7	9	15	1.2	0.6	0.8	0.9	1.4
SUB-TOTAL	548	671	676	740	802	64.7%	73.4%	74.0%	76.9%	75.2%
ENROLLED IN UNIVERSITY FOR FIFTH YEAR[a]	11	1	31	24	36[c]	1.3%	0.1%	3.4%	2.5%	3.4%
WITHDREW IN GOOD STANDING	52	72	66	85	94	6.1	7.9	7.2	8.8	8.8
WITHDREW-VOLUNTARY, ACADEMIC PROBLEMS INDICATED	69	51	34	35	31	8.1	5.8	3.7	3.6	2.9
WITHDREW-ENFORCED, ACADEMIC SUSPENSION OR DEFICIENCY	121	87	80	62	78	14.3	9.5	8.8	6.4	7.3
WITHDREW-MEDICAL	21	14	16	5	11	2.5	1.5	1.8	0.5	1.0
DISCIPLINARY SUSPENSION	6	1	3	1	5	0.7	0.1	0.3	0.1	0.5
DISMISSAL-HONOR OFFENSE	13	10	3	6	5	1.5	1.1	0.3	0.6	0.5
DECEASED	3	5	4	3	3	0.4	0.6	0.4	0.3	0.3
OTHER	3[b]	-	1	3	1[b]	0.4	-	0.1	0.3	0.1
TOTAL	847	912	914	964	1066[c]	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

[a]Enrolled but did not receive a degree at end of fifth year, and enrolled for sixth year.

[b]Entrants with unavailable records.

[c]Two of these students entered the University of Virginia Medical School after three years.

TABLE 2: STUDENTS ENTERING THE SCHOOL OF ENGINEERING AND APPLIED SCIENCE IN SEPTEMBER 1964, SEPTEMBER 1965, SEPTEMBER 1966, SEPTEMBER 1967, AND SEPTEMBER 1968 FIVE YEARS LATER

	NUMBER OF ENTERING STUDENTS					PER CENT				
	1964	1965	1966	1967	1968	1964	1965	1966	1967	1968
GRADUATED IN LESS THAN FOUR YEARS	-	-	-	-	-	- %	- %	- %	- %	- %
GRADUATED IN FOUR YEARS	86	79	79	114	126	25.2	28.8	28.2	37.0	42.5
GRADUATED IN FOUR YEARS AND ONE SUMMER	4	7	7	10	4	1.2	2.5	2.5	3.3	1.4
GRADUATED IN FIVE YEARS	93	76	79	72	59	27.3	27.7	28.2	23.4	19.9
GRADUATED IN FIVE YEARS AND ONE SUMMER	5	3	6	2	4	1.4	1.1	2.1	0.6	1.4
SUB-TOTAL	188	165	171	198	193	55.1%	60.1%	61.0%	64.3%	65.2%
ENROLLED IN UNIVERSITY FOR FIFTH YEAR[a]	6	5	11	9	12	1.7%	1.8%	3.9%	2.9%	4.1%
WITHDREW IN GOOD STANDING	12	14	10	32	25	3.5	5.3	3.6	10.4	8.4
WITHDREW-VOLUNTARY, ACADEMIC PROBLEMS INDICATED	47	23	32	18	23	13.8	8.5	11.4	5.9	7.8
WITHDREW-ENFORCED, ACADEMIC SUSPENSION OR DEFICIENCY	75	61	48	47	39	22.0	22.2	17.1	15.3	13.2
WITHDREW-MEDICAL	3	3	1	-	2	0.9	1.1	0.4	-	0.7
DISCIPLINARY SUSPENSION	1	-	-	-	-	0.3	-	-	-	-
DISMISSAL-HONOR OFFENSE	4	2	3	2	1	1.2	0.7	1.1	0.6	0.3
DECEASED	-	1	1	2	-	-	0.3	0.4	0.6	-
OTHER	5	-	3[b]	-	1[b]	1.5	-	1.1	-	0.3
TOTAL	341	274	280	308	296	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

[a]Enrolled but did not receive a degree at end of fifth year, and enrolled for sixth year.

[b]Entrants with unavailable records.

TABLE 3: STUDENTS ENTERING THE SCHOOL OF ARCHITECTURE IN SEPTEMBER 1964, SEPTEMBER 1965, SEPTEMBER 1966, SEPTEMBER 1967, AND SEPTEMBER 1968 - FIVE YEARS LATER

	NUMBER OF ENTERING STUDENTS					PER CENT				
	1964	1965	1966	1967	1968	1964	1965	1966	1967	1968
GRADUATED IN LESS THAN FOUR YEARS	-	-	-	-	-	- %	- %	- %	- %	- %
GRADUATED IN FOUR YEARS	10	3	7	9	14	14.1	5.0	12.3	14.8	25.9
GRADUATED IN FOUR YEARS AND ONE SUMMER	1	1	1	3	2	1.4	1.6	1.8	4.9	3.7
GRADUATED IN FIVE YEARS	23	33	13	29	20	32.4	55.0	22.8	47.6	37.0
GRADUATED IN FIVE YEARS AND ONE SUMMER	1	2	2	-	2	1.4	3.4	3.5	-	3.7
SUB-TOTAL	35	39	23	41	38	49.3%	65.0%	40.4%	67.3%	70.3%
ENROLLED IN UNIVERSITY FOR FIFTH YEAR[a]	13	3	10	5	2	18.3%	5.0%	17.5%	8.2%	3.7%
WITHDREW IN GOOD STANDING	6	8	7	7	7	8.5	13.4	12.3	11.5	12.9
WITHDREW-VOLUNTARY, ACADEMIC PROBLEMS INDICATED	3	1	8	3	3	4.2	1.7	14.0	4.9	5.6
WITHDREW-ENRORCED, ACADEMIC SUSPENSION OR DEFICIENCY	9	7	7	2	3	12.7	11.6	12.3	3.3	5.6
WITHDREW-MEDICAL	2	2	-	1	-	2.8	3.3	-	1.6	-
DISCIPLINARY SUSPENSION	1	-	-	1	-	1.4	-	-	1.6	-
DISMISSAL-HONOR OFFENSE	1	-	-	-	-	1.4	-	-	-	-
DECEASED	1	-	-	-	-	1.4	-	-	-	-
OTHER	-	-	2	1	1[b]	-	-	3.5	1.6	1.9
TOTAL	71	60	57	61	54	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

[a]Enrolled but did not receive a degree at end of fifth year, and enrolled for sixth year.

[b]Entrant with unavailable records.

TABLE 4: STUDENTS ENTERING THE COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES, SCHOOL OF ARCHITECTURE, SCHOOL OF ENGINEERING AND APPLIED SCIENCE COMBINED - SEPTEMBER 1964, SEPTEMBER 1965, SEPTEMBER 1966, SEPTEMBER 1967, AND SEPTEMBER 1968 FIVE YEARS LATER

	NUMBER OF ENTERING STUDENTS					PER CENT				
	1964	1965	1966	1967	1968	1964	1965	1966	1967	1968
GRADUATED IN LESS THAN FOUR YEARS	3	1	4	13	7	0.2%	0.0%	0.3%	1.0%	0.5%
GRADUATED IN FOUR YEARS	547	665	656	728	813	43.4	53.3	52.4	54.6	57.4
GRADUATED IN FOUR YEARS AND ONE SUMMER	48	47	48	53	41	3.8	3.7	3.8	4.0	2.9
GRADUATED IN FIVE YEARS	157	151	147	174	151	12.5	12.1	11.8	13.0	10.7
GRADUATED IN FIVE YEARS AND ONE SUMMER	16	11	15	11	21	1.3	0.9	1.2	0.8	1.5
SUB-TOTAL	771	875	870	979	1033	61.2%	70.0%	69.5%	73.4%	73.0%
ENROLLED IN UNIVERSITY FOR FIFTH YEAR[a]	30	9	52	38	50[c]	2.4%	0.7%	4.2%	2.8%	3.5%
WITHDREW IN GOOD STANDING	70	94	83	124	126	5.6	7.5	6.6	9.3	8.9
WITHDREW-VOLUNTARY, ACADEMIC PROBLEMS INDICATED	119	75	74	56	57	9.5	6.3	5.9	4.2	4.0
WITHDREW-ENFORCED, ACADEMIC SUSPENSION OR DEFICIENCY	205	155	135	111	120	16.3	12.5	10.8	8.3	8.5
WITHDREW-MEDICAL	26	19	17	6	13	2.1	1.6	1.4	0.5	0.9
DISCIPLINARY SUSPENSION	8	1	3	2	5	0.6	0.0	0.2	0.2	0.4
DISMISSAL-HONOR OFFENSE	18	12	6	8	6	1.4	1.0	0.5	0.6	0.4
DECEASED	4	6	5	5	3	0.3	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.2
OTHER	8[b]	-	6	4	3	0.6	-	0.5	0.3	0.2
TOTAL	1259	1246	1251	1333	1416	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

[a]Enrolled but did not receive a degree at end of fifth year, and enrolled for sixth year.

[b]Entrants with unavailable records.

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